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DRAFT DECISION SUBMITTED BY AUSTRALIA*, FIJI, NEW ZEALAND, PHILIPPINES* AND SAMOA*

Emergency assistance to Samoa

The Governing Council,

Noting with concern that the current cyclone season has caused damage in several island developing countries in the South Pacific, and noting in particular that both loss of life and comprehensive loss of property and economic livelihood have occurred in Samoa as a result of Cyclone Val,

Acknowledging the severe adverse impacts of the cyclone on the efforts of the Government of Samoa to achieve economic growth and development,

Acknowledging also the efforts being made by the Government and the people of Samoa to cope with the emergency and adjust to its long-term humanitarian, social and economic effects,

Appreciative of the assistance so far provided by agencies of the United Nations system, concerned Governments and non-governmental agencies,

1. Commends the Administrator for his prompt action in allocating funds from the Special Programme Resources to help alleviate the immediate effects of the emergency in Samoa;

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the Rules of Procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

2. Calls upon the Administrator, within his mandate, to continue consultations with the Government of Samoa with a view to extending further assistance to the maximum extent possible in their rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts;

3. Also calls upon Member States and international organizations to extend further support to Samoa and other South Pacific Governments affected in the aftermath of the cyclone and throughout the ensuing rehabilitation period.